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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A portion of an Japanese Office Action that issued October 1, 2002 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"The inventions regarding the following claims of this application could have been easily invented based on inventions described in the publications indicated below, which had been distributed in Japan or abroad, or on inventions made publicly available through telecommunication lines prior to the filing of this application by a person having ordinary knowledge in the technical field of the invention prior to the filing of this application, and therefore cannot be patented, as per the stipulations of Article 29, Section 2 of the Patent Law.

Note (See the List of Cited Literature for the list of cited literature.)

(1) Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 9

Cited Literature 1 describes a system which performs communication between in-car terminals and Internet hosts, comprising communication devices (particularly the part relating to Figure 4) that communicate at close range with terminal devices installed in cars parked in a parking lot and are arranged in accordance with the parking space, and a center (4A and B of Figure 1) that connects to the Internet based on connection requests from in-car terminals received by the communication devices.

The center described in Cited Literature 1 is found to correspond to the switching device or switching means described in Claims 1 and 7 of the present application.

The point of connecting to a store's Internet line described in Claims 2, 6 and 9 of the present application is no more than a matter of simple design choice.

(2) Claim 3, 4 and 8

Cited Literature 2 describes the art of providing an antenna with directivity on the ceiling and performing wireless communication at low power or with weak radio waves. The inventions described in Claims 3, 4 and 8 of the present application could have been easily invented based on Cited Literature 1 and 2.

No reasons for rejection have been discovered at present for inventions regarding claims other than the claims indicated in this Notice of Reasons for Rejection. If any reasons for rejection are newly discovered, an additional Notice of Reasons for Rejection will be issued.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-275543
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-122661

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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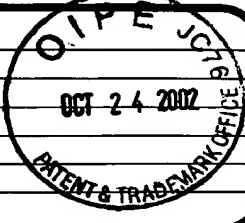
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